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Applicants : John S. Kula et al. Confirmation No.: 2172
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Title : STENT WITH VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS

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Examiner : C.E. O'Connor

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of dated September 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.